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HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE SALES CONTINUE TO SOAR

The popularity of sport fishing and wild game hunting in the United States soared to new heights during fiscal year 1957 when a record total of 34,195,183 licenses was sold to devotees of these outdoor sports, the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior reported today.

This represents an increase of 1,031,352 over the previous high total attained in fiscal year 1956 when 33,163,831 paid fishing and hunting license holders were recorded. The 1957 total was divided between 19,276,767 for fishing and 14,918,416 for hunting. Fishing licenses accounted for the largest proportion of the increase--574,784 against 456,568 for hunting licenses.

Total cost to hunters and anglers for all licenses, permits, tags, and stamps (not including the Federal "duck stamp") was \$90,617,039--an increase of \$829,145 over the previous year's total of \$89,787,894. Hunting licenses amounted to \$47,847,456 of the 1957 total while fishing licenses cost \$42,769,583.

Resident fishing licenses accounted for 16,645,394 of the 19,276,767 total; nonresident licenses numbered 2,631,373. The States to attract the greatest number of nonresident anglers were Wisconsin (354,897), Minnesota (303,339), Michigan (267,217), Florida (195,925), Tennessee (169,047), and Colorado (119,288). Almost one-half--or 24,773--of Nevada's total of 54,259 fishing license holders were nonresidents.

In the category of hunting license sales, the total of 14,918,416 was divided between 14,508,469 resident and 409,947 nonresident. Pennsylvania had the greatest number of nonresident hunters--35,503.

Based upon the total number of paid license holders, the "big ten" States for 1956-57 and 1955-56 were:

FISHING LICENSES

<u>1956-57</u>		<u>1955-56</u>	
California	1,411,264	California	1,319,190
Minnesota	1,243,102	Minnesota	1,232,647
Wisconsin	1,142,726	Michigan	1,150,662
Michigan	1,119,657	Wisconsin	1,011,835
Ohio	911,762	Ohio	880,075
Indiana	846,742	Indiana	844,112
New York	828,636	Illinois	739,801
Illinois	826,426	Tennessee	728,429
Pennsylvania	718,863	New York	719,780
Tennessee	654,419	Pennsylvania	719,715

HUNTING LICENSES

<u>1956-57</u>		<u>1955-56</u>	
Michigan	1,250,004	Michigan	1,218,781
New York	1,024,975	New York	975,551
Pennsylvania	938,275	Pennsylvania	932,386
Ohio	738,672	Ohio	684,377
Indiana	674,312	Indiana	680,460
California	665,875	California	632,351
Wisconsin	651,669	Wisconsin	616,439
Illinois	556,215	Illinois	528,963
Minnesota	552,917	Minnesota	525,141
Texas	412,961	Tennessee	461,598

Under the Federal aid formulas for the distribution of Pittman-Robertson funds for the restoration of game and the Dingell-Johnson funds for the restoration of sport fishes, the number of license holders (not the amount paid for licenses) is one of the factors considered for apportionment purposes.

In the appended alphabetical tabulation of license sales by States, the fourth column of each table includes not only the total amounts received from license sales but also the totals of money from the sale of permits.

FISHING LICENSE STATISTICS FOR THE UNITED STATES

July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957

State	Paid Fishing License Holders			Total Cost to Anglers for All Licenses, Permits, Stamps, etc.
	Resident	Non-Resident	Total	
Alabama	437,132	27,847	464,979	\$ 746,876.80
Arizona	161,671	17,340	179,011	452,288.30
Arkansas	373,261	25,581	398,842	704,252.20
California	1,391,619	19,645	1,411,264	4,158,271.00
Colorado	229,791	119,288	349,079	1,268,706.50
Connecticut	103,682	4,287	107,969	384,761.10
Delaware	9,651	1,406	11,057	23,740.65
Florida	290,553	195,925	486,478	984,718.75
Georgia	408,620	7,761	416,381	555,278.93
Idaho	158,498	54,195	212,693	666,167.00
Illinois	807,442	18,984	826,426	959,236.20
Indiana	804,670	42,072	846,742	882,189.40
Iowa	367,837	14,474	382,311	544,452.50
Kansas	204,428	5,799	210,227	431,050.50
Kentucky	337,042	75,932	412,974	874,209.00
Louisiana	186,106	32,651	218,757	295,859.00
Maine	150,029	78,056	228,085	822,915.75
Maryland	123,948	22,769	146,717	234,229.50
Massachusetts	218,157	5,446	223,603	644,928.37
Michigan	852,440	267,217	1,119,657	2,452,974.00
Minnesota	939,763	303,339	1,243,102	3,051,524.20
Mississippi	140,804	52,975	193,779	396,309.50
Missouri	516,634	61,645	578,279	1,486,167.55
Montana	188,609	49,806	238,415	613,478.50
Nebraska	180,253	10,034	190,287	306,343.50
Nevada	29,486	24,773	54,259	193,134.50
New Hampshire	82,744	53,926	136,670	457,851.25
New Jersey	145,365	10,485	155,850	613,467.25
New Mexico	67,286	33,326	100,612	377,819.90
New York	778,207	50,429	828,636	1,890,198.75
North Carolina	340,013	44,372	384,385	707,190.10
North Dakota	70,342	2,157	72,499	76,813.00
Ohio	884,163	27,599	911,762	1,879,223.00
Oklahoma	323,420	63,780	387,200	840,437.00
Oregon	326,329	29,032	355,361	1,280,512.50
Pennsylvania	688,362	30,501	718,863	1,839,772.00
Rhode Island	16,879	689	17,568	54,107.63
South Carolina	243,485	16,098	259,583	500,312.50
South Dakota	84,076	39,682	123,758	239,942.00
Tennessee	485,372	169,047	654,419	799,775.00
Texas	417,620	9,416	427,036	708,583.85
Utah	155,884	10,387	166,271	492,160.40
Vermont	72,089	36,135	108,224	257,260.50
Virginia	371,072	15,606	386,678	638,536.00
Washington	373,438	22,594	396,032	1,461,643.50
West Virginia	211,102	9,885	220,987	441,764.05
Wisconsin	787,829	354,897	1,142,726	2,478,486.50
Wyoming	108,191	62,083	170,274	599,663.50
TOTALS	16,645,394	2,631,373	19,276,767	\$42,769,583.38

HUNTING LICENSE STATISTICS FOR THE UNITED STATES

July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957

State	Paid Hunting License Holders			Total Cost to Hunters for All Licenses, Permits, Tags and Stamps
	Resident	Non-Resident	Total	
Alabama	280,513	4,001	284,514	\$ 608,906.00
Arizona	105,446	4,175	109,621	527,845.00
Arkansas	225,268	13,105	238,373	531,683.60
California	664,681	1,194	665,875	2,718,751.85
Colorado	259,320	27,717	287,037	2,373,462.00
Connecticut	56,828	379	57,207	190,870.65
Delaware	22,112	413	22,525	60,580.28
Florida	138,912	2,210	141,122	818,338.50
Georgia	201,073	1,956	203,029	461,489.63
Idaho	160,278	5,375	165,653	926,003.00
Illinois	550,308	5,907	556,215	1,419,553.00
Indiana	671,356	2,956	674,312	677,740.40
Iowa	383,051	4,236	387,287	655,401.35
Kansas	170,092	1,822	171,914	407,054.60
Kentucky	271,401	7,102	278,503	903,576.00
Louisiana	284,844	2,966	287,810	315,215.75
Maine	148,320	26,029	174,349	1,032,672.25
Maryland	147,745	5,990	153,735	548,835.25
Massachusetts	120,816	1,513	122,329	385,176.62
Michigan	1,228,148	21,856	1,250,004	3,666,511.50
Minnesota	550,774	2,143	552,917	1,473,881.50
Mississippi	198,748	4,875	203,623	405,209.50
Missouri	377,235	3,217	380,452	1,281,862.25
Montana	188,609	14,801	203,410	1,058,158.50
Nebraska	160,772	4,024	164,796	462,526.50
Nevada	31,603	7,798	39,401	528,875.50
New Hampshire	68,856	19,888	88,744	597,790.75
New Jersey	174,666	2,749	177,415	744,715.15
New Mexico	86,536	3,866	90,402	618,139.25
New York	992,317	32,658	1,024,975	2,539,485.00
North Carolina	355,276	6,589	361,865	884,602.50
North Dakota	108,517	3,479	111,996	396,593.50
Ohio	735,203	3,469	738,672	1,662,800.00
Oklahoma	174,892	2,250	177,142	421,593.75
Oregon	271,287	1,454	272,741	1,576,829.00
Pennsylvania	902,772	35,503	938,275	3,606,211.80
Rhode Island	13,208	216	13,424	33,405.43
South Carolina	161,248	4,502	165,750	392,618.30
South Dakota	141,997	21,135	163,132	909,048.10
Tennessee	407,921	2,408	410,329	603,981.00
Texas	410,617	2,344	412,961	927,157.65
Utah	151,078	17,025	168,103	1,295,177.50
Vermont	78,006	17,427	95,433	399,477.00
Virginia	389,182	8,493	397,675	969,494.75
Washington	282,694	742	283,436	1,513,250.00
West Virginia	272,862	8,343	281,205	672,924.00
Wisconsin	643,557	8,112	651,669	1,657,821.50
Wyoming	87,524	29,535	117,059	984,159.50
TOTALS	14,508,469	409,947	14,918,416	\$47,847,456.41